



## Oscar J. Chapaton

October 14, 1921 - July 11, 2009

CHAPATON, OSCAR J. age 87, July 11, 2009 of Sterling Heights. Loving husband for 63 years of Jean nee DeClerck. Beloved father of Maureen Dr. Patrick Rivard, Ann Wesley Masters, Thomas Natalie Chapaton, and Darlene Lapp. Loving grandfather of Dr. Elisabeth Rivard, Jeffrey Rivard, Maggie Masters, Katie Masters, Mathieu and Clarice Chapaton. Mr. Chapaton was a General Contractor for many years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus #2950 third degree since 1963. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. His second love was composing songs when he had the time. One song, "A Doughboy's Night" was written in a fox hole in Leyte, Philippines, which Ginny Sims Kay Kyser sang nationwide. He served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII in the 96th Infantry, Division 383rd "Deadeyes" Headquarters as a radio operator Tech Sergeant from 1942-1946. He received the Presidential Citation and two Bronze Stars for bravery with valor. He built 31 projects for the Archdiocese including churches, rectories, additions to schools as well as many homes. He hand built homes for each of his children. Friends may call at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica from 5-9PM Monday and 2-9PM Tuesday. Parish Rosary 7PM Tuesday. Mr. Chapaton will lie in state on Wednesday at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 18203 23 Mile Rd., Macomb from 9:30 AM until 10:00 AM time of Mass. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials suggested to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI48207-3485 please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).



# Tribute Wall

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“ Oscar was always the "voice of reason" at our Board of Code Appeals meetings. His construction knowledge and genuine concern for the City and the petitioner helped resolve many problems. Oscar was one in a million. We'll all miss you big guy!

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**Thad Stanek** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My late husband Carl did most of his business with Oscar and they were great friends. When Carl died, Oscar was there for me. I want Jean and his children to know my thoughts are with them at this sad time. He was a wonderful friend to us.

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**Elfriede Reibitz** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“Oscar was a business associate and great friend to my father Carl Reibitz. He also built the most beautiful bluestone patio and walled garden beds for my Brighton home. Not the type of job he was doing at that time, he did it because of his friendship with my dad. He promised me that he didn't know when he would start but promised it would be done by June 15. One day his crew was there and as promised, the job was done exactly on time. We shared Cuban cigars in celebration! He was a great guy.

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**Renata Reibitz Perlove** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM